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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 – 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by by Lumelsky et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,460,082) (Management of Service-Oriented Resources Across heterogeneous Media Servers Using Homogeneous Service Units and Service Signatures to Configure the Media Servers).

2.1 Regarding claim 1, Lumelsky discloses a system for delivering content over a data network, comprising:

a data storage device for storing content to be delivered over the data network (Figs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6);

a server process capable of monitoring the data network for responding to a request to serve selected content over the data network (Fig. 5; col. 11, lines 39 – 46);
and

a file system capable of communicating with the server process and capable of processing the request to identify meta-data associated with the selected content and being representative of a level of service to be provided with the selected content (Fig. 2, item 152; col. 7, lines 28 - 51).

2.2 Per claim 2, Lumelsky teaches a service level manager capable of determining, as a function of the meta-data, whether the selected content may be serviced in compliance with the associated level of service (Abstract; Fig. 2; col. 7, lines 28 - 51).

2.3 Regarding claim 3, Lumelsky discloses that the server process includes a process for directing the request to the service level manager (Fig. 5; col. 11, lines 39 - 46).

2.4 Per claim 4, Lumelsky teaches that the request analyzer process includes a request analyzer process for analyzing the request to identify information associated with a level of service to provide the request (Fig. 2; col. 7, lines 28 - 53).

2.5 Regarding claim 5, Lumelsky discloses that the request analyzer process includes means for identifying information selected from the group consisting of user identification, user ISP identification, transmission throughput, client, and CDN server identification (Fig. 2; col. 7, lines 28 - 40).

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2.6 Per claim 6, Lumelsky does not explicitly teach that the service level manager includes a process for directing the server process to employ a file open process for requesting the file system to access data associated with the selected content. However, a file open process is inherent in Lumelsky in order for databases to be accessed.

2.7 Regarding claim 7, Lumelsky discloses a representation of the level of service to provide the request (Fig. 2; col. 7, lines 28 - 51).

2.8 Per claim 8, the rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35 USC 102(e) (paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7 above) applies fully.

2.9 Regarding claims 9 – 11, Lumelsky discloses a service level manager that associated with a level of service to provide (Abstract; Figs. 2, 4; col. 7, lines 28 - 51); embeds into a pathname, service level information to be associated with the selected content (Abstract; Figs. 2, 4; col. 7, lines 28 - 51)

2.10 Per claims 12 and 13, Lumelsky teaches that the file system includes parsing a pathname associated with the selected content to identify a level of service to provide to the request content (Abstract; Figs. 2, 4; col. 7, lines 28 - 51); a process for associating the selected content with one of a plurality of different service levels (Abstract; Figs. 2, 4; col. 7, lines 28 - 51).

2.11 Regarding claims 14 – 18, Lumelsky discloses a scheduling process for generating a schedule for servicing the requested content (Fig. 3b; col. 8, line 59 – col. 9, line 9; col. 16, lines 10 - 18); an admission process for employing the schedule to determine whether the request for selected content can be accommodated at the level of service associated with the request (col. 7, lines 28 – 67; col. 2, lines 54 - 66); a deadline parameter representative of a time constraint for processing the request (Fig. 3b; col. 8, line 59 – col. 9, line 9; col. 16, lines 10 - 37); deadline parameter to generate the schedule for servicing the request (Fig. 3b; col. 8, line 59 – col. 9, line 9; col. 16, lines 10 - 37).

2.12 Per claim 19, Lumelsky teaches a slack-time process for arbitrating between scheduling requirements of content having different priorities of service levels (Fig. 3b; col. 8, line 59 – col. 9, line 9; col. 14, lines 53 – 57; col. 16, lines 10 - 16).

2.13 Regarding claim 20, Lumelsky discloses a control process for managing a system resource for controlling a rate at which service are provided (Abstract; Figs. 2, 5).

2.14 Per claim 21, Lumelsky teaches that the control process manages a system resource selected from the group of data storage, system memory, processor resources, and network throughput (Fig. 5; col. 7, lines 28 – 32; col. 4, lines 30 - 39).

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2.15 Regarding claim 22, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(e) (paragraph 2.1 above) applies fully.

2.16 Per claim 23, Lumelsky teaches that controlling access to a system resource includes controlling access to a system resource selected from the group consisting of processor time, system memory, disk access, network bandwidth, and buffer space (Fig. 5; col. 7, lines 28 – 32; col. 4, lines 30 - 39).

2.17 Regarding claim 24, Lumelsky discloses controlling access includes selecting a priority for a thread processing the stream of selected content (col. 16, lines 10 – 21).

Conclusion

3. This is a RCE of applicant's Application No. 09/991,006. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action in this case. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no, however, event will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on 5 4 9.

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